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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed December 4, 2001, that resulted in Applicants having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

Arnold & Porter check number 200901 submitted herewith, includes payment of the fee of \$320.00 for filing a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)). In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for in the papers accompanying this Notice are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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